

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 451st Meeting of the Council, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, August 8, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum in the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on Saturday, August 8, 1959, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were: President Reynolds, President-Elect Foster, Speaker Doyle, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Gifford, Harrington, Davis, Sherman, Campbell, Lum, Bostick and Teall.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Clancy, Thomas, Whelan, Marvin, Edwards and Collins, Dr. Walter E. Batchelder and Mrs. Margaret Griffith of C.M.A. staff; Eugene Salisbury of the Public Health League of California, Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; county executives Rosenow of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Brayer of Riverside, Dochtermann of Sacramento, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Wood of San Mateo, Donovan of Santa Clara, Dermott of Sonoma and Monnich of San Joaquin; Dr. William Gardenier and Messrs. Richard Lyon and Wilson Wahlberg of C.P.S.; and Doctors Albert C. Daniels, Marshall Porter, John Rumsey, Francis J. Cox, Malcolm Merrill, Francis E. West, H. Dean Hoskins, William Todd, Bruce Jessup, H. L. Foucher, Donald Abbott, Ferrall H. Moore, Chester K. Barta, Dudley Cobb, John Keye and Benjamin Yellen.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 450th meeting of the Council held June 27, 1959, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of August 5, 1959, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded Dr. Ronald J. Macdonald of San Bernardino County was voted Retired Membership.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, seven applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Alfred Appelbaum, Orange County; Carlos E. Harrison, San Diego County; Donald Helgren, M. Silvija Hoag, San Francisco County; Jadwiga W. Selzer, San Mateo County; John T. Wilson, Jr., Santa Clara County, and Chin Hsin Gin, Tulare County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, reductions in dues were voted to four members because of illness or postgraduate study.

3. Unfinished Business:

Guides for members of the House of Delegates. On motion duly made and seconded, the Guides for the Members of the House of Delegates were approved.

4. Standing Rules for the Council:

On motion duly made and seconded, Rule 8, relating to Finances, was approved as a part of the Rules for the Council. This reads as follows:

"8. Non-budgeted Appropriations:

"Before the Council votes on any proposal for the expenditure of funds in excess of, or not included in, the current year's budget, the proposal (whether originating in a Committee or

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Commission or Council motion) must be referred to the Finance Committee *for a written report*. The Finance Committee's report, if in favor of the requested appropriation, must specify the amount appropriated and the source of funds to be utilized.

"By unanimous vote, the Council may direct the Finance Committee to submit its report at the same Council meeting at which a proposal is referred to it. Otherwise, the Finance Committee should submit its report on any referred proposal at the next subsequent Council meeting."

5. *Joint Council for the Improvement of Health Care of the Aged:*

Doctor Francis J. Cox reported on a meeting held with representatives of the dental profession and of hospitals and nursing homes. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Association should participate in the Joint Council representing these groups for the improvement of health care for the aged.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Committee on Nominations and the President should make nominations of three members to serve on this Joint Council.

6. *Committee on Scientific Work:*

Dr. Albert C. Daniels, chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work, reported for the committee and requested that the Council authorize the staff to plan for annual sessions five years in advance. On motion duly made and seconded, this proposal was approved.

Discussion was held on the advisability of holding the annual session in April or in February as recommended by the Committee on Scientific Work.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hold the initial session of the House of Delegates on Saturday evening, followed by a session on Sunday morning and a final session on Wednesday; this arrangement would be used on an experimental basis at the 1960 Annual Session and further consideration given to this arrangement following that session.

7. *Committee on Nominations:*

Councilor Bostick, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported that Dr. Edward C. Rosenow, Jr., had resigned as chairman of the Committee on Postgraduate Activities and a member of the Commission on Medical Education. His committee recommended that Dr. Albert C. Daniels be appointed interim chairman of the Committee on Postgraduate Activities until a review of the entire field of continuing medical education could be carried out. On

motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council Chairman should appoint an ad hoc committee of nine members to review the field of continuing medical education and make recommendations to the Council. A proposal to establish a budget of not more than \$5,000 for this committee was referred to the Finance Committee for study and report.

On motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Rosenow's resignation was accepted with regret and the Council voted to extend best wishes to him in his forthcoming affiliation with another organization.

(Dr. Lum announced that Dr. Thomas Brem had been appointed to succeed Dr. Rosenow as editor of *Audio-Digest*.)

Dr. Bostick recommended that the name of the Committee on Civil Defense and Disaster be changed to become the Committee on Disaster Medicine. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to introduce an amendment to the By-Laws to effect this change.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to increase the Committee on Rehabilitation by two additional members. Doctors P. J. Salmon of San Mateo and Howell Wiggins of San Diego were approved for these appointments.

On motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Packard Thurber, Jr., was approved as a member of the Committee on Industrial Health to succeed the late Dr. A. C. Remington, Jr.

8. *Report of the President:*

Dr. Reynolds reported on the Portland conference of the A.M.A. Committee on Prepaid Medical Care Plans and noted that California had been very well represented at the Conference.

Dr. Reynolds also reported for the Committee for Emergency Action, which recommended that the dinner for the President scheduled at each Annual Session should honor in addition the President of the Woman's Auxiliary and that the Auxiliary be allowed to invite guests to an invitation reception preceding this dinner. On motion duly made and seconded, this report was approved.

Dr. Reynolds also presented several requests from the Woman's Auxiliary for arrangements at the 1960 Annual Session.

Dr. Reynolds also presented and discussed the written report of the Committee for Emergency Action on the handling of the 1958 survey of the Relative Value Study. On motion duly made and seconded, this report, with amendments, was approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Committee for Emergency Action, working

with the Committee on Fees, should develop an acceptable method of releasing information on the 1958 survey of the Relative Value Study.

9. *Finance Committee:*

Chairman Heron of the Finance Committee presented a written report recommending the following appropriation of funds:

(a) Purchase of life insurance on the life of Dr. Walter E. Batchelder.

(b) Payment of the expenses for association representatives at the Portland Conference of the A.M.A. Committee on Medical Care Plans.

(c) Approval of an additional \$4,000 to cover transportation expenses for added county society representatives at the Annual Conference of County Officers.

(d) Approval of \$4,000 to cover the costs of two school health conferences.

(e) Approval of \$800 additional to include Napa as one of the societies on a circuit course planned by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities.

Dr. Heron also presented a report on the current and projected financial status of the Association, the Trustees of the C.M.A. and Physicians' Benevolence Fund.

10. *Functions of Association Officers:*

Councilor Davis, chairman of an ad hoc committee to review the functions and spheres of responsibility of association officers, reported that the committee had met on three occasions and would hold additional meetings prior to bringing in a report.

11. *Commission on Medical Services:*

Councilor Sherman reported that the Liaison Committee to the State Department of Social Welfare had met on several occasions. The program for the needy aged, he reported, was showing some financial improvement; the programs for needy blind and needy children may require some reductions in drug allowances in order to conserve funds.

Dr. Sherman also requested authority for the committee to review cases in dispute where the local review committee might feel unable to act. On motion duly made and seconded, this authority was voted.

At the request of the Board of Social Welfare, the committee requested authority to write to the county societies relative to the function of medical consultants in the counties. Dr. Sherman expressed the committee's belief that the review of films, laboratory reports, etc., should be handled through the county societies rather than the welfare departments. On motion duly made and seconded, the President was authorized to write to the county societies on this matter.

On motion duly made and seconded, approval was voted for letters to be sent to county societies urging their renewal of contracts with California Physicians' Service for the handling of fiscal matters in public welfare cases.

Dr. Ferrall Moore of San Mateo, representing the California Society of Internal Medicine, requested the Council to ask California Physicians' Service to restore to its fee schedules covering public assistance and veterans' programs item No. 029 (the fee for medical cases requiring extensive workup). On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this request to the Committee on Fees.

Dr. Sherman reported that the Department of Social Welfare will issue regulations to pay for the following type help under the Aid to Totally Disabled program (A.B. 288): (1) Physician home and office visits, (2) Nursing services, (3) Physical therapy, (4) Appliances and devices, and (5) Household rehabilitation equipment. The case limit on expenditures will be \$300 per year, including medical diagnostic expense limited to \$75 per year. The department has assured that the program will move into operation slowly and that budget allowances will be strictly observed.

12. *Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety:*

Dr. Chester Barta, representing the Association on the advisory committee to the Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety, gave a progress report. The conference will be held in the late fall.

13. *Commission on Community Health Services:*

Councilor MacLaggan asked authority for the Commission on Community Health Services to cooperate with the State Department of Public Health on matters of air pollution. Such authority was granted.

Discussion was held on the medical provisions for the 1960 Olympic Games, to be held at Squaw Valley. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Councilor Davis to investigate the program and facilities for such medical care and to authorize him to call for assistance from other physicians.

14. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, Director of the State Department of Public Health, reported that a program for investigation of radiation was being set up under terms of new legislation. Also following new legislation, the department is developing standards for the control of automobile exhaust gases, is establishing a four-year pilot study of epilepsy and will review the present alcoholic rehabilitation program.

Dr. Merrill reported that the incidence of poliomyelitis remains low but is about double the 1958

rate. A shortage of Salk vaccine may be encountered in some areas within the next month, he said.

Announcement was made of the death of Dr. Frederic Kriete, administrative assistant to Dr. Merrill and, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn this meeting in his memory and to notify his family of the high regard in which he had been held by the Council.

15. *State Department of Mental Hygiene:*

Dr. Marshall Porter, deputy Director of Mental Hygiene, reported that the financing of facilities under the Short-Doyle program (outpatient mental health centers in communities or counties) remained on direct matching of county appropriations by the state. The program is progressing satisfactorily, he said.

The department's building plans, Dr. Porter stated, call for the completion of one 1,000-bed hospital now under construction and no new hospitals planned for the 1961 fiscal year. Instead, the department plans to build "day hospitals" in which the patient will be cared for the breakfast-through-dinner hours and return to his own home for the night.

16. *California Physicians' Service:*

Councilor Heron, reporting for C.P.S. stated that the C.M.A. would not be called upon to assist in the financing of the initial stages of the "MD-65" program. He also reported on the fact that C.P.S. has now existed for 20 years and that its subsidiary, California Physicians' Insurance Corp., has been well received by some major groups of covered employees. The major programs of C.P.S. are currently operating on a self-supporting basis, he said.

17. *Public Relations:*

Ed Clancy, director of public relations, reported on plans for President Louis M. Orr and President-Elect E. Vincent Askey, to appear at the C.M.A. 1960 Annual Session and expressed the hope that a large number of members would welcome them.

18. *Migratory Farm Workers:*

Dr. Ben Yellen of Imperial County appeared at his own request and expressed his views on the provision of medical care for migratory farm workers.

Councilor Wheeler outlined the problems involved in furnishing medical care to migratory farm workers, both citizens and aliens. As to alien workers, he suggested that the county medical societies establish "sick-call stations" and staff them on a rotating basis, that the Relative Value Studies at a reasonable coefficient be employed to establish fees and that the county societies use their review committees to determine disputes.

Dr. Bruce Jessup of Palo Alto reported on a meeting called by the Governor with representatives of several state departments. Councilor Davis read a resolution from the Santa Clara County Medical Society asking that this entire problem be investigated.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this matter to the Committee on Rural Health, with authority for the committee to call upon physicians or other consultants.

19. *Medical Warning Identification:*

Councilor Harrington presented a request from a member for moral support for an identification bracelet developed by him for the recording of diseases under treatment, allergic reactions or other conditions to be noted by physicians in the event of emergencies. It was agreed that the promotion of this form of identification would not be opposed by the Association.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. in the memory of Dr. Frederic Kriete.

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